



**Joint Meeting Minutes between the
City of Stuart, Martin County Board of County Commissioners,
and School Board of Martin County
Monday, June 11, 2007 – 8:30 a.m.
Blake Library**

School Board Members Present

Laurie Gaylord, Chair
Nancy Kline, Vice-Chair
Dr. David Anderson
Lorie Shekailo
Dr. Sara A. Wilcox, Superintendent
Doug Griffin, School Board Attorney

School Board Members Absent

Sue Hershey

School Board Staff

Rodger Osborne, J Lisle Bozeman, Ruth Pietruszewski, Cathy Brennan, Julie Sessa, Betty Hickox, Marshall Skinner

Martin County Commission

Michael DiTerlizzi (Chairman), Doug Smith (Vice-Chairman), Susan Valliere (Commissioner), Sarah Heard (Commissioner), Lee Weberman (Commissioner), Stephen Fry (County Attorney), Duncan Ballantyne (County Administrator), Krista Storey (Assistant County Attorney)

Martin County Staff

Mary Vettel (Deputy Clerk), Laura Beaupre (Special Projects Coordinator)

City of Stuart

Mary Hutchinson (Mayor), Jeff Krauskopf (Vice-Mayor), Carol Waxler (Commissioner), Paul Nicoletti (City Attorney), James Christie Jr. (Commissioner), Michael Mortell (Commissioner), Dan Hudson (City Manager) Terry O'Neil (Planning Consultant)

Public

Helen McBride, Harry Yates, Leo Noble

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

City of Stuart Mayor Mary Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. Introductions and Opening Comments

The City of Stuart Commissioners, the Board of County Commissioners, and the School Board members, along with their attorneys and City and County managers, introduced themselves.

III. Public Comments

- Alice Frost, South Fork Estates resident, expressed her concern over the vegetation in front of Anderson Middle School. She felt the thickness of the vegetation endangered children walking or riding bicycles to school. She took photos to demonstrate that anyone could hide in the shrubbery and not be visible. She stated that the property was not School Board land, so there was not much the School Board could do. She had contacted Martin County Engineering; however, they had no plans to do anything with that area. She requested that the undergrowth beneath the trees be removed.
- Duncan Ballantyne, County Administrator, replied that the issue would be looked into.
- Bill Summers, Martin County resident, addressed the Boards concerning developers' proportionate share for the School Board. Bill explained that the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council had prepared a formula for developers coming into Martin County. He passed out information (COPY ATTACHED) to make the boards aware of the magnitude. He advised them that it would behoove them to make sure they did not issue letters of no objection until the developers paid their fair share.

Joint Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 11, 2007 – 8:30 a.m.

Page 2 of 2

IV. Interlocal Agreement Update - Initial Presentation (COPY ATTACHED)

Doug Griffin, Martin County School Board Attorney, gave a cursory review of the updated Interlocal Agreement. He stated that the School Board was ready to go into detail on the agreement and receive comments. He informed the boards that most of the existing elements remained unchanged. He reviewed the changes by showing a PowerPoint presentation. He explained that a notable difference from the existing Interlocal and the updated one was the elimination of the oversight committee, and the School Board's authorization to build upon sites within the PUSD without going through the school site selection process when the donation was previously approved in a development approval. He said it was eliminating duplication. Doug explained the differences between permanent capacity and temporary capacity. He discussed Title I capacity issues. The School Board traditionally had tried to open schools at 60% occupancy. Doug explained how each concurrency service area's proportionate share of temporary capacity was determined. Commissioner Lee Weberman asked if money could be collected from one zone and spent in an adjacent zone or anywhere else. Doug Griffin answered that the courts allowed impact fees to be used county-wide. Commissioner Sarah Heard discussed how expensive extending water and sewer became when facilities were built in the secondary urban service boundary. She advised Board members that a priority should be given to locating schools in the primary service boundary to avoid costly expenses. Doug Griffin stated that the whole theory of the matrix would drive that result. Commissioner Christie requested that a representative from the City of Stuart be placed on the redistricting committee for comments. Lorie Shekailo answered that it was the Board's intention to have a representative from the city participate.

Mayor Mary Hutchinson stated that Duncan Ballantyne would like to add an item to the agenda. It would be Item VII.

V. East Ocean Government Center [aka Constitutional Triangle] Update

The City of Stuart and the Commissioners discussed the water treatment plant located behind the courthouse, which would effect the construction of a new building on that site. They discussed the options.

VI. Construction Coordination – City of Stuart and Stuart Middle School (COPY ATTACHED)

Terry O'Neil provided an update on the Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard improvement project and expressed gratitude to Commissioner Valliere for allocating funding from her district to help with the project.

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox reminded the City to keep in mind as they do improvements that school buses need to be able to navigate through the area.

+VII Letter from Senator Ken Pruitt and House of Representative Marco Rubio

Duncan Ballantyne, County Administrator, read the letter from the Florida Legislature concerning tax cut levels. Commissioner Lee Weberman directed Duncan to research to find out the definition of "super-majority" vote and to find out what criteria and deadlines had been set, just in case the Board of County Commissioners decided they needed to override the cuts.

Duncan announced that St. Lucie County had contacted Martin County concerning sending bricks to the Florida legislatures.

Dr. David Anderson, School Board member, asked the County Commissioners to address the issue of the vegetation in front of Anderson Middle School.

VIII. Adjournment

Mayor Mary Hutchison, seeing no other business, adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

CHAIR (Laurie Gaylord)

SECRETARY (Sara A. Wilcox, Ph.D.)